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COVER

Symbolic of how a tiny cat can dominate its entire sphere is this photo by Joyce R. Wilson of New York.

LONG LIVE THE CAT!

Most of us hide it most of the time. Even from ourselves. Yet it's there in all of us. The feeling of our oneness with nature. The knowledge that despite the outward appurtenances, we are akin — we are a part of — everything that lives.

Even as we help our cars to their daily rendezvous in our frantic cities. Or jump to serve our production lines, or our Dictaphones, or our TV sets. Even then we know that serving the machines and making them ever greater is not the all of existence.

For we are part of the greatest of God's forces: life. Life, which except for us has refused to place itself in bondage to unthinking, unfeeling forces of its own creation.

Life which is independent, unconforming, perverse. Life which we recognize and envy despite our mechanized advantages, or because of them.

All of us have our own individual reasons for loving the cat. And there are countless racial reasons as well. Yet, as we set aside this 1959 National Cat Week, I wonder if we are not honoring the cat most of all because she is so much our alterego — our ourselves as we would dream of being.

Destined we may be to ever greater domination by machines and by machine-like thinking. But so long as the cat remains we shall have in our homes and in our hearts a constant symbol of the independence to which the human spirit must always cling.

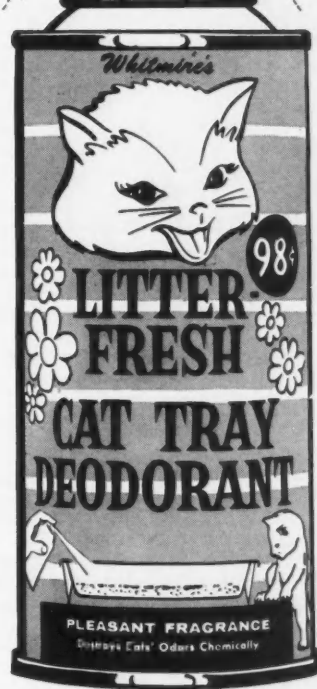
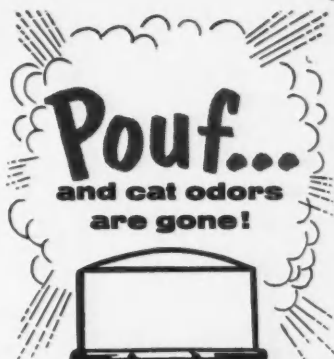
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WHAT'S IN A NAME

Dear Editors:

I have wondered often what prompts the names that people give their beloved cats.

I have had many cats and have named them after people who gave them to me and from their coat color and from their personality. Tangee Goodfellow, Persimmon, Kelly, Casey and Tracy, Yellow Britches, and Mattie, all seemed proper to each cat. As T. S. Elliott said, "The naming of cats is a difficult matter."

I'd like to hear of other choices people have made.

Zeta C. Davison

Pilot Mt., N. C.

TERRIBLE TWEETIE

Dear Editors:

I do wish something could be done to promote a crusade against the movie cartoons that always depict cats as villains and/or saps. The heroes of such animated stores are mice, dogs, or impertinent birds such as Tweetie.

Mrs. Vere McClellan

2053 W. 75th Place
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TWENTY-FIVE TO ONE

Dear Editors:

I have twenty-five cats and a gift of CATS Magazine was the nicest one I have ever received. I have received so much valuable information and just enjoyment, I hope I can always be a subscriber.

I want to say that the advertisement for a coat conditioner certainly was a lucky find for me. One of my cats had a condition that resisted all treatment until I tried the one advertised in your magazine. Thanks to you both.

Helen Beath

RR 2
Montpelier, Ind.



FUR, FEATHERS AND FUN

Dear Editors:

Here's a case of love at first sight. Although Bee Bee, the cockateel will play with the other cats, it is always Petunia to whom he returns. Petunia is a Blue Longhair female, and it's quite a scene to behold when she lies down and Bee Bee lovingly walks into her arms.

Dorothy B. Anderson

5813 Sierra
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THAT'S A YOLK

Dear Editors:

I think the recently published letter stating that a column on short cuts and tips would be very useful. I am amazed at the things I have and do for my cats are entirely unknown to other friends who have cats. For example, how many know that an egg yolk is one of the most beneficial foods a cat can eat. Mind you, I said yolk. The white can be separated and used in cooking or thrown away. Many cats will not eat the yolk raw, but will eat it if it is poached or is hard boiled. You can keep a cat alive on an egg yolk a day, if it shows no interest in other foods.

I also agree with Mr. Rand that the magazine shouldn't be folded, but folded or not, I could never do without my CATS Magazine.

Mrs. G. Nelson

11701 Lakepointe Avenue
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VETS VORTEX

Dear Editors:

The letter in CATS July issue from C. L. Miller, DVM, was interesting, true and timely.

Cats, as household pets are increasing by leaps and bounds. Ordinarily the average cat owner wants the animal for companionship and affection. Unless the owner plans to breed the cat, it should be spayed. Veterinarians opinions do vary on the right time to have this done. There are factors involved to cause this variance. Usually, however, it is best to have the operation performed before the cat reaches puberty.

Some associates may disagree with me on the age for altering a male, but it is my opinion and experience that three to four months is the best time for young tom to cancel his dates.

J. L. Davidson, D.V.M.

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WHO'S WHO

Dear Editors:

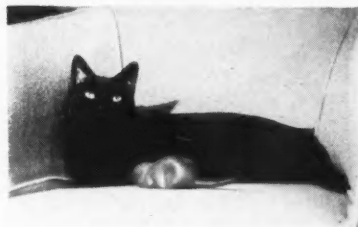
I would like to suggest publishing pictures of outstanding cats that have added so much by way of their progeny to each breed. The kennel clubs do this and call it the Register of Merit.

If you would sift back through your winning cats of the shows, it would become apparent which lines are tops and would be a help to the breeders and those who appreciate sound pet stock.

I would suggest placing cats on the Register as sires and queens for having produced three champions and eight progeny going first in class or better at three or four point shows. How about it

Mrs. Thomas Dugle

5000 Miami Road
Cincinnati 43, Ohio



PUMPKIN TIME

Dear Editors:

We are now in our third year of subscribing to your magazine and have enjoyed every issue immensely. We look forward to each month's copy and have found the stories most interesting. I particularly liked "Quinsey—the Wild Cat" and have often wondered how things worked out for him. Blanche Wolfram's articles are always helpful and our two cats have benefited from her advice.

I am sending a photo of our Pumpkin who has all the qualifications for a champion show cat. Solid black with gold eyes and quite a character.

Of all the excellent covers you have given us, the 1959 May issue is to my mind the most magnificent photograph of an animal's face that was ever taken. I'd like a large print made of it.

Best wishes for the continued success of your magazine.

Anne Whitney

40 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

FANCIERS' FELLOWSHIP

Dear Editors:

As both a subscriber and a cat fancier, I wish to compliment you on the article in CATS, July issue, called "The People in Cats." I am new in the cat world but agree that the cat people are the most kind and understanding of all animal lovers.

I think your magazine is very informative and presents the cat as it should be known.

Helen Harmon

804 E. Reynosa St.
De Leon, Texas

EVERYBODY SHOULD

Dear Editors:

I enjoy everything about CATS. I have found the merchandise offered by your advertisers to be of excellent quality.

I would appreciate it if you would send sample copies of your magazine to the enclosed list of friends who have cats. They should, by all means, be experiencing the pleasure of subscribing to CATS Magazine.

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THE TOOTH OF A KITTEN

by Jean R. Lange

The cat as an important contributor to the practice of an age-old art is the role played by three New Jersey felines: Dearie, Sweetie Pie, and Snow White. These modest patrons of the arts have provided tools most important in continuing a craft that came into being before the discovery of printing—that of illuminating manuscripts.

This art, at its height in the Middle Ages and predominately practiced in the monasteries of Europe, requires that the gold leaf used to embellish the elaborate initial letters on the parchment manuscripts be "burnished with an agate or the tooth of a flesh-eating animal." And this is where kitty got into the act.

Perfect smoothness and tiny curves are essential in the tool used to burnish the gleaming gold curlicues of the letters. Illuminators of ancient manuscripts discovered that nothing served this purpose so well as the eyetooth of a cat. Not a second tooth, but a delicate milk tooth shed from a kitten's jaw when the second tooth pushes into place.

It must be the tooth of a healthy kitten. The teeth of a sick animal, like the teeth of unhealthy humans, may have flaws that would roughen the thin gold leaf. The permanent eye teeth, especially those of an old cat, have fine ridges down either side that make them useless as burnishers. The size of a milk tooth is perfect for the fine and elaborate work required.

And not alone by the gift of its milk teeth does the cat contribute to the beauty of an illuminated document. The scribes who illuminated the manuscripts of ancient Persia and produced glittering miniatures with fabulous detail, needed brushes of the finest and softest quality for their work. For this purpose they used the white neck hairs of a two-month-old kitten. And this practice, too, is being followed today.

Dearie, Sweetie Pie, and Snow White belong to Mrs. Wilhelmina Gillooly of Lincoln Park, New Jersey, one of the few American experts in the art of illuminating manuscripts. When Mrs. Gillooly as a student of the Rhode Island School of Design first became interested in illumi-

Dearie, Mrs. Gillooly's first cat. It was Dearie's daughter who provided the tooth for the tool shown in photo below.

All photos—
Jean R. Lange



nating manuscripts she was hard put to it to find a source for kittens' teeth. She appealed to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and canvassed all the veterinarians in her neighborhood. But without success. The tooth of a kitten not more than five months old is a commodity not readily collected nor easy to find.

Once in a long while a cat owner would produce a tooth he had happened to find, but the supply was limited and uncertain.

There was but one thing to do. Keep cats. And so, one by one, arrived Dearie, Sweetie Pie, and Snow White. It was Dearie's daughter who had the honor of contributing the first tooth to the set of tiny burnishing tools on Mrs. Gillooly's table.

A keen watch has to be kept on the kitten when it is about to lose a tooth. Apart from any cruelty involved, a tooth extracted by force would probably be damaged. So Mrs. Gillooly plays patient detective until the tooth falls out and is finally hers. The tiny piece of ivory is mounted on a shaft made from an orange stick. Mrs. Gillooly equips her tool with tiny paper fins to prevent it rolling off the table while she is working.

The care exercised in selecting a suitable cat's tooth is applied also to choosing the right kind of cat's hair for a brush. The hair must be soft, but not fluffy: that from a Longhair cat is unsuitable.

Important, too, is the spot from which the hair is taken. The Persian scribes chose the back of the neck. Mrs. Gillooly takes the short rather firm hairs on the cat's sides and thighs, brushing them free lightly and carefully. Sweetie Pie and Snow White contribute to the supply of brushes. Only four or five hairs are used for each brush. They are glued firmly to a small wooden shaft and trimmed so that they form a fine perfect point, hard to see with the naked eye.

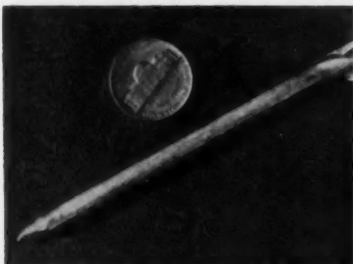
These cat's hair brushes are used for the fine azure, crimson and green lettering that embellishes the parchment manuscripts. The fineness of the brush point is especially important when the texture of the parchment makes an ordinary brush stroke impractical. Then the design is executed with the tip of the brush in tiny dots, indistinguishable as such without a magnifying glass.

Mrs. Gillooly's three cats are modest

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A fine example of the richly gilded illuminated work of Mrs. Gillooly and her cats. The kitten's tooth is used as burnisher; a brush of cat's hair traces the fine lines.



The burnishing tool is made from a kitten's eyetooth mounted on an orange stick (note size compared with a nickel). Tooth is not extracted, it must drop out by itself.



Mrs. Gillooly using the burnisher. The manuscript is the history of a Rhode Island church on which she has been working in her spare time for over seventeen years.

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

KITTEN

*Tawny golden leaf,
High in my scarlet maple;
Rustling in the branch,
Floating earthward, feather-light. . .
A fluffy, yellow kitten.*

—Gladys Cornell

MY CAT

My cat sits on the window sill
Gazing through the glass.
He loves to watch the crisp brown
leaves
Go dancing 'cross the grass.

He watches birds dart in the trees
They're playing hide and seek
A gray squirrel scampers up a trunk
And Kitty gives a squeak.

At night he sits upon my lap
And purrs a happy song
He looks into my eyes and blinks
He'll be asleep ere long.

Then bedtime is upon us
And by my side he'll creep
It makes me quite contented
To see him fast asleep.

He's angel white and dainty pink
A lovely cat to see
I've been so very happy
Since he adopted me.

—H. R. Higgins

FOR A KITTEN

*Cover her gently, her first night has
come
To sleep in the garden where she
lived by day;
As kitten fashion, she stretched
toward the sun
And played with the world in her
whimsical way.*

*Let snowflakes blanket her softly
tonight,
As warm as our love and our mem-
ories glow;
And when the spring floods the gar-
den with light
We'll find her loved spirit in the
haunts that we know.*

—June Lingo

LITTLE CATS

*What are little cats made of?
A ball of soft fur,
A heart-warming purr,
A grace that's unmatched,
A tail that's uncatchable.
That's what little cats are made of!*

—Bertha Reeves Laws

TRIBAL RITUAL

I wake to laughter every morning,
Your whiskers in my ear,
And sleepily climb from our com-
mon bed
To raucous cries of persistent cheer.

Yes, yes, my lord, you'll breakfast
royally
Before my stomach's filled.
Now playfully skitter, run, leap and
wait
On your favorite narrow window
sill.

Come, let me dress! Stop rubbing
my leg;
I know your coat is soft.
Goodbye, my kitten, I'm ready for
work—

Blow me a purr and then I'll be off.
—Nan Kathryn Fuchs

THE WHIMS OF A TOM CAT!

Oh make a bed so soft and pink
To please your cat, or so you think—
He'll curl up in the bathroom sink.

Adorn his plate with fancy fish,
He'll lift his pink tipped nose, and
wish
To snatch the leavings from your
dish.

Select for him a charming mate
With pedigree, and sure as Fate
He'll choose an alley cat, third rate.

Oh buy him toys: a tinkle bell,
A catnip mouse to tease his smell,
Or rubber ball, and time will tell—

That he'll prefer a piece of string
Or cellophane, or anything
In preference to what you bring.

Just try to hold him and he'll flee
With lightning like agility.
Averse to bear captivity.

But start to read in solitude
'Tis then he's in a petting mood,
And interrupts your quietude.

Or try to write a note, that's when
He'll be a playmate once again
And try to catch the moving pen.

Oh scold him and his royal grace
Will walk away and wash his face.
Quite unconcerned o'er his disgrace.

Oh yes, a cat personifies
A paradox without disguise.
A creature whimsical, yet wise!

—Almeta Baka

CAT IN THE KITCHEN

*That food smells good and where is
hers?*

*She rubs against my leg and purrs
A homey song of happy waiting,
Like coffee gently percolating.*

—Pearl Hawley

KITTEN IN THE WIND

As I sat beside my window on a
gusty late fall day

I saw a Siamese kitten venture
forth to play.

He was so young I felt quite sure
He'd never seen such a gale
But he wore his courage from his
pointed ears
To the tip of his jaunty tail.

His slim brown paws wore his
seven-league boots
And the world was his to explore
(But his mask hid the truth: he was
really afraid
And never had done this before!)

He paused for an instant as the wind
brushed his coat
And his whiskers stood out like a
fan

Then a leaf sailed past—just over
his head
And a game of tag began.

With a few high leaps he conquered
the wind
And mimicked the leaves that
swirled
One very small cat—no longer
afraid
Had grown up and mastered the
world!

—Sandy Arnet

BUBASTIS

*Teedle, Tiddles, Mistress Tibb
swift followed in succession
by others just as lovable
in disorderly procession.
Cucumber-loving Butterball
and Mouser—christened badly,
Sir Rhubarb of the broken tail—
whose end came much too sadly,
Then Blackie and his palate strange
preferring eggs and cheese,
or Smokey using me to sharpen
his claws upon my knees.
Each one a catophillic thrill
of well groomed, silken fur,
a slitted-orbed, inscrutable,
but vibrant ball of purr.*

—Jay Ames

A PAGE OF PUSSES

For National Cat Week

NOVEMBER 1 to 7



John F. Moore sent us this shot of the ambulatory convalescent enjoying his visit to the solarium.



'Let's get that ear clean, son,' Mama is saying in this candid shot of a Blue Point Siamese duo by Rollin A. Cable.



Victor Baldwin's little Seal Point is an eye-dropper baby and loves it!



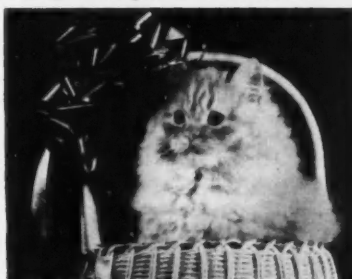
This sign at a 400-year-old inn at Cheshire, England, sports a cat playing a fiddle along with its other nursery rhyme characters. (R. D. Barrett-Lennard photo.) At right, Helena S. Price shows us a modern kitty—her Tortie Longhair Littletown O'Deah—showing off in her favorite bowl.



"No—not birds for breakfast!" cried Louise Pulsifer as she snapped the camera. Kit is Lucifers Queen Black Pearl. Below—Magnificent head of "J.J.," ocelot of Pat Berger, also by Victor Baldwin.



Another "fancy" cat is Alyce Rosenberg's Uno O'Burma guarding the lamp as one of his ancestors may have protected those in the Buddhist temples of ancient Burma.



"Kitten in the Basket" is G. Evelyn Metcalfe's Casa St. Cyr's Chico Diablo. Below, Sally Bittenbender's Pepe le Moko takes "An Arrestin' Pose."





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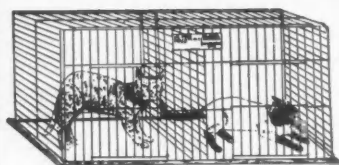
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THIN AS A RAIL

We have all heard, and possibly used, the above expression in describing people or an animal. Probatio . . . herewith. We offer in positive evidence that in some instance it is more fact than fancy.

La Verne Feeney, 401 W. 10th Street, Tempe, Arizona found her Burmese and a friend "hitting the road." They couldn't

be heading south, for Arizona weather about now is almost as nice as could be found. Perhaps they were just railroaded into posing for the winning Picture of the Month.

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MAM CHA AND FLANNIGAN

by Edna Holway Jones

Mam Cha is devoted to her son Flannigan, and admires his velvety dark points, such a contrast to her own "blue" ones. But there are times when she gets a little out of patience with him.

One morning Flannigan just didn't watch where he was going, or rather, flying, and he knocked down a cup and then a book and then a vase which crashed in little pink pieces. This woke Mam Cha, who wanted to take her morning nap. Just as she was dropping off to sleep again, Flannigan snatched the baby's rubber mouse right out of his little hand, and ran off and hid it. The baby shrieked. Mam Cha and I hunted everywhere for the mouse but couldn't find it. Flannigan sat down and calmly washed himself here and there, a little on his tail, some on one foot, then sort of turned himself inside out and washed his hind feet thoroughly. The baby stopped crying when I picked him up and showed him the pictures in his cloth book, and Mam Cha lay down again, saying, "Well, I give up."

Usually when Mam Cha and Flannigan go out doors they have long leashes attached to their collars at one end and to a garden stake at the other. But when Mam Cha woke from her nap someone came to the door and as I opened it Mam Cha slipped out and ran up the hill back of the house. On the hill there are many trees and wild bushes, where the cats like to prowl when they do get away. Also there are raccoons. In front of the house there is a great deal of traffic. I always feel a little uneasy if I don't know where the cats are.

I watched for Mam Cha, thinking she would come home when she had had her little fling, but hour after hour passed and she did not come. Flannigan and I looked anxiously out of windows and from time to time I went outside and called Mam Cha. Flannigan never answers my call, (perhaps because his pride is hurt on account of not having a Siamese name) but always when I have called "Mam Cha!" she has come, saying, "why, I was right here all the time." But now she did not hear me.

Flannigan tried to get outside to look for his mother too. When he stands up by the door he can just reach the knob, by stretching, and he thinks he could turn it if he could get hold of it better. The sun went down and it was twilight, then the yard and the hill were filled with darkness.

Before I went to bed I looked from every door and window, holding Flannigan in my arms. Every little while he uttered a pitiful meow, and once he said, "Do you think my Mama-Cha went away because I was bad this morning?"

That night he did not sleep on the foot of my bed as he usually does with Mam Cha's arm around him, but jumped to my shoulder, pushing his hard little head against my cheek.

I couldn't sleep very well, thinking of my Mam Cha that I had had since she was a tiny kitten. There wasn't much housework done in the next few days. I put an ad in the paper and asked all the neighbors to watch for Mam Cha.

Day after day went by with my heart growing heavier with every hour. Flannigan didn't play. He didn't fly through the air and knock things down. He didn't scratch the baby. He followed me from room to room with a woebegone look on his little black face. His blue eyes were enormous as he looked up at me anxiously, asking, "Where is my Mama-Cha? I want my Mama-Cha." He slept on my shoulder every night. There were no answers to my advertisement. The neighbors kept watch but no one saw Mam Cha.

She had been gone a week and a half when Flannigan slipped out of my hands one morning as I was putting on his collar. He dashed up the hill, a little brown and white streak, and he was gone, too. I followed at my own slow pace, but he was nowhere in sight. Over and over again I went to look but there was nothing but thick wild growth and tall trees.

Toward evening I went upstairs to try to put things in order, after neglecting them so long. I heard a loud, insistent meow, meow, outside the window. I ran down the stairs, thinking, well, at least Flannigan has come home.

And so he had, and close at his side was Mam Cha. I gathered them both in my arms and took them to the kitchen to give Mam Cha food and water. Flannigan had a great look of pride as he kept saying "I found my Mama Cha and brought her home."

Mam Cha ate and drank a little, then went into the living room and jumped up on the davenport. She was instantly asleep. She had not told me where she had been, but that didn't matter now. She was at home again. She had not seemed starved, but when I lifted her she was light as a feather. She slept all night with Flannigan curled up beside her, and for five days she slept nearly all the time. She must have been walking toward home for many hours, for she was completely exhausted.

Now she is rested, and her old self again, now and then giving Flannigan a little slap if he needs it, or putting her arms round him lovingly.

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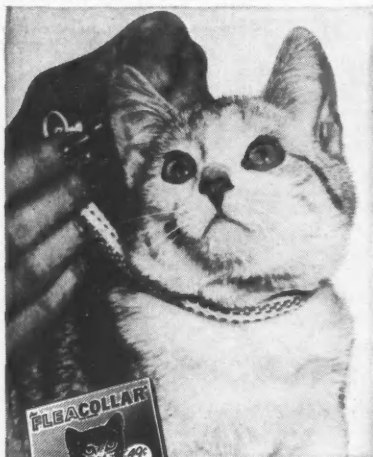
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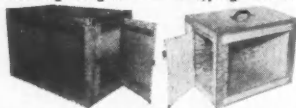
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paper is too smooth and the kittens' little feet will slide on it, making it difficult to hold themselves against a nipple. It will also prevent them from gaining secure footing, thus limiting the strengthening of the legs.

A porcelain pan with litter is provided for the use of the mother cat. A dish containing an ample supply of water is also there for her use. There is still enough room remaining in the cage for the mother to lie in when she feels need of a rest away from the kittens. I keep the family close together like this for three weeks because it helps prevent disease, fleas, and other troubles in this early and most important time in the lives of kittens.

Next, let's discuss the location of the maternity ward. I prefer to keep it nearby where I can easily reach it if need be, out of the way of drafts and in a spot where there will be little change in temperature, especially for the first two weeks. It is very important not to have any strong light or sunshine for it will be injurious to the eyes of the kittens. However, at night I still keep a very small light burning which will enable the mother cat readily to see her kittens. Yes, I know about that theory that cats can see in darkness but this is true up to only a certain point. No matter what you think, a cat cannot see in total darkness—there must be some little light. So, in keeping a small light burning she is less apt to lie down on one of the kittens. Keep them away from a lot of excitement for this will calm the mother and prevent her from worrying about the safety of the kittens. A peaceful atmosphere and tranquil location are conducive to the best interests of the mother and the babies.

Not much attention is required of you for the first week. About all you need do is keep the box and the cage clean. You might take a good look at the mother's breasts occasionally. See to it that no fur is matting for it will cause her pain and perhaps an infection. To prevent this it is wise to cut away the fur around the nipples for it will not only relieve her but will better enable the kittens to locate the nipples. Sometimes, kittens will suckle on little bunches of fur thinking they are nipples, this creates a tight mat which can become very painful.

An important aspect to rearing very young kittens is to recognize the different cries. You will readily learn when they are just quarreling over a nipple or when they are in real pain. At first cry of pain get to them right away. It may be that the mother cat is lying on one or it may be caught behind her and the box. Many kittens are lost through suffocation in this manner and you must do your best to prevent such an occurrence. It is not only we breeders of cats who find this to be a most trying situation—other breeders of livestock encounter the same difficulties. I had occasion to see a novel idea

PART I

So, the mother cat has presented you with four lovely little kittens. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to help raise them to become strong, healthy and affectionate youngsters or are you going to leave the mother to her own resources and perhaps, lose half of them?

You may think to yourself that the mother cat is better able to care for the kittens than you are, but this is not always true. You will be required to aid her in many ways. And keep in mind that the kittens need care and attention quite similar to our own infant children. It is true that the mother cat through instinct does have a keen insight as to caring for her little charges, but there is always a time when your own human knowledge will be superior.

On several occasions, my articles on "the blessed event" have been presented in this magazine, so let's begin with the discussion of kittens right after the birth and carry on from there.

First of all, let's discuss the living quarters in which the little family will remain for at least three weeks. I have worked out an ideal arrangement for a cage which I call the "maternity ward." It is about two feet wide, three feet long and eighteen inches high. It is a wooden frame with a solid wooden bottom. All four sides and the hinged top for easy access are covered with 1×2 wire mesh. This size weave is preferable to more closely knit mesh because it permits you to see through more easily, yet is not large enough for kittens to crawl through.

Inside the cage I place a cardboard box which is about 20×20 with six-inch-high sides. This size is ideal for the mother cat and her kittens, for it gives her enough room without being cramped and also permits her to change positions. It prevents the kittens from straying away and confines them close to the mother where she can control them. The sides keep the kittens from climbing over. The bottom of the box is lined with a closely knit cloth, preferably an old sheet or pillow case. This type of cloth is used because the claws of the kittens cannot become caught or snagged in it. Loosely woven cloth such as toweling or wool will catch the claws preventing the kittens from moving about and possibly causing an injury to a foot. I prefer this cloth to paper because

THEIR CARE

of how this is controlled in raising piglets. I must work on the idea to see if we can come up with something similar for our cats.

During this first week, handle the kittens as little as possible, keep everything clean and do your best to prevent any possibility of disease.

The most important thing you must do is to see to it that the mother receives an ample supply of nourishing food. This is a must, for it is this early care in the beginning which will result in healthy, strong kittens later in life. Yes, by feeding a good balanced diet to the mother cat you are assuring a good flow of milk rich in all the nutrients to the kittens.

Keep in mind also, the importance of fresh clean water. Since milk is made up of practically ninety-percent water you must see to it that water is always present. A mother cat knows this and you will find she will drink lots of water even though she cared little for it before.

Watch the kittens, for if one of them appears to be lagging behind in growth it is usually because the others are a little stronger and push it away from the big fat breasts. You can help it along by taking the bigger, stronger kittens away from a breast like this permitting the one lagging behind to suckle on it. In doing this, you can generally help all of them to grow equally well.

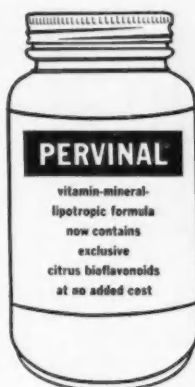
The second week finds the kittens larger and stronger. You will not be called upon to help them so often for now they can crawl out of some pretty awkward positions. However, it is still well to go to their aid if the need arises.

Perhaps the most important period of the second week comes at the time when the eyelids will part. When this happens extra care must be taken to see that no strong light is permitted to shine in the eyes of the kittens. It could very easily lead to blindness. Even though the eyes are open a kitten is still partially blind. It is only after this second week that the kittens have full use of their eyes. Observe each kitten to see if the lids are functioning properly. There are times when the lids may stick together, if so a little warm water on cotton will help get them apart. If, at the end of ten days the eyes are not open you must take it upon yourself to open them. Here again, a little warm water on cotton will help. Gently massage the eyes and carefully pull them apart.

This early attention to the eyes will always help. If you do not watch them there is a great possibility that an infection will set in. Pus can form both in the front and in the back of the eyeball. If this occurs it may lead to the loss of the eye. There are many good medications on the market that can be used to alleviate cases of infection and later on in this series we will discuss them.

Next month we shall continue the discussion on *The Care Of Kittens*.

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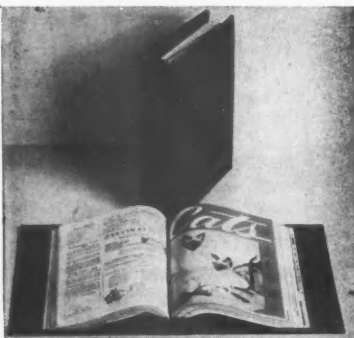
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My veterinarian says the mating of a half-Siamese and a pure bred Siamese will not produce Siamese kittens. I just mated such a pair and have, out of a litter of five, one whose coat color is that of a Siamese. May I have your comment?

—Marjorie Nichols

1345 E. Beach, Pass Christian, Mississippi

Technically he is right. The litter that has resulted from this mating may very well have all of the appearance of Siamese, but one-fourth of each kitten's make up is not Siamese. Further breeding of these cats will result in litters that would be only one-eighth part away from being pure Siamese. No matter how far the breeding would be carried on, it is mathematically impossible to obtain a pure strain.

My problem has never been discussed in this column, so I would appreciate your opinion. My cat has a dilated esophagus and everything she eats is regurgitated afterwards. Some say it can be treated while others recommend surgery. I strain all her food as coarse foods seem more difficult to digest.

—Mrs. Lola Johnson

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Would a solely beef liver diet be harmful now or later for a cat? He may eat wild-life as he is an outdoor cat, but won't eat anything else at meal time. He seems very healthy.

—Mrs. George Murphy

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By all known standards of nutrition liver is not a complete food. Cats can be very stubborn about their eating habits sometimes, and it can be a real battle of wills in attempting to change their diet after they have been given what they want for a long period of time. A diet that is not complete as far as nutritive elements are concerned can manifest itself when some stress such as infection or disease is present, by the animal's not responding to treatment as well as might be expected.

With seven adult cats and twelve kittens, I do have problems. Some of the kittens have sore eyes. They will be all right one day and sealed closed the next. What could I use?

I have one male who is subject to boils. A new one just opened by his left eye and he now has a lump on his cheek. He is the third male I have had prone to this condition. Any help?

—June Hoeke

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The use of vitamin A and riboflavin may be indicated for the eye condition. These preparations can be added to their food.

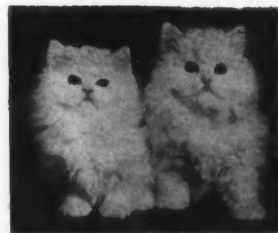
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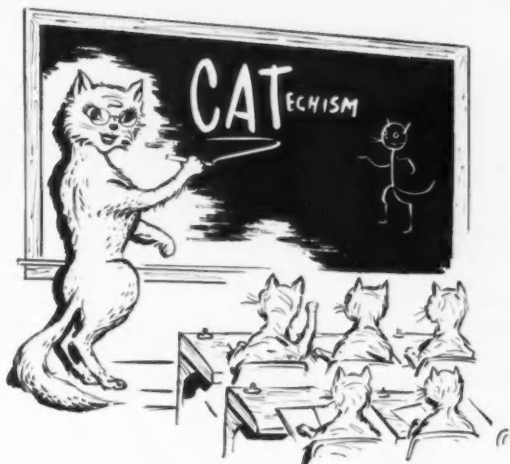
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THE EMPEROR'S CATS

by Jean Catherine Conger

"On the 19th day of the 9th month in the year 999, a cat brought forth young at the Palace," wrote Dr. M. W. de Visser. The good doctor had laboriously computed this date from a medieval chronicle for the Asiatic Society of Japan exactly fifty years ago. The mentioned "palace" was the imperial palace in the beautiful walled-city of Kyoto which then, and for nearly nine centuries more, was the capital of Japan. The name "Kyoto" in Japanese even means "imperial city". This historic litter of kittens was worthy of royal mention, as it is the first known one on the Japanese Islands.

The mother cat (we do not know her name), as well as a few of her fluffy companions, had been sent to court from China. Japan was still heavily dependent on China for her taste. Since the Emperor of China kept cats, the Emperor of Japan would keep cats. Only since the successful revolt of 645, had Japan been a separate country. Culturally and emotionally, she was still tied to China: she tediously copied her mother country in her lovely temples of Buddha, her styles of dress, her arts, and even the cumbersome Chinese alphabet (in which Japanese noblemen wrote all affairs of state). This was the Japanese outlook until we come to the medieval court of the first recorded Japanese cat lover, Emperor Ichijo.

Ichijo was a boy of thirteen years on the day the litter of kittens came and completely charmed him. A nineteenth century historian, Kato Yakuan, tells us: "The Left and the Right Minister had the task of bringing the kittens up, and prepared boxes (with delicacies) and rice and clothes for them (as for new-born babies)." These were the translator's parentheses here, not mine! The Japanese historian lastly adds that a court lady, Uma No Myobu, was appointed wet-nurse for the kittens by the emperor.

It is fun to think what sort of kittens these were, which so disrupted the imperial court that day. Perhaps they were sleek Siamese with their inky paws; or perhaps fuzzy red Tabbies. We can never know, since the chronicle simply calls them "kara-neko" or "Chinese cats".

Not even the color of their fur is mentioned. But it is probable that neither the mother cat nor her companions sent to the palace were black. It was a Chinese superstition that black cats could foretell the weather. This made them much wanted by Chinese sailors, who considered themselves lucky if they had a black cat on their ships.

However, it seems the little cats did not always care for sea-life. Dr. de Visser, who went into the subject of Japanese cats and dogs quite thoroughly, believes that there were a few cats running wild through the cool bamboo forests some

centuries before that of the cat-loving emperor. But they were rarely seen. Since no cat could have come to these volcanic islands unless brought there, it seems likely that these were the weather-casting cats, which had slipped away from Chinese sailors as the sailors visited the colorful ports of medieval Japan. If the color black would do for sailors, it probably wouldn't do at all for a cat of the emperor.

The court ladies who nursed this first litter of kittens had not been educated to write Chinese as their husbands had been. Instead, they spent their idle days writing their diaries, and even novels, in Japanese which they knew. In this way, the ladies of this tiny imperial court created the first true Japanese prose and art style; instead of their works being the wearisome copies of Chinese arts and letters their husbands made. Scholars call the cat-loving emperor's reign, "the golden period of the first flowering of Japanese prose". Perhaps the frolicking kittens were giving the ladies inspiration as well as amusement.

Despite the black cats which may have chased butterflies through the bamboo forests, most Japanese at that time never saw a cat unless they had the good fortune of selling their wares inside the palace or at the homes of a few favored noblemen. Perhaps the reason that cats received such a royal welcome in Japan, is that they appeared to be miniature tigers. This almost made them a luck-charm; because the Japanese regarded the tiger (not the lion) as the highest of animals. Tiger magic was the best magic for curing diseases. Even today, one can buy Tiger Balm (although no one now quite claims that it is made by tigers!) in oriental apothecary shops.

One example of this magic was the tip of the tiger's tail. It held one hair which was thought to restore life. As miniature tigers, cats inherited these magic tails. We can read in Japan's medieval chronicles that cats were either placed near a deceased person (in hopes the little fellows would brush against the person with their tails), or were specifically kept away from the room. This depended on whether the mourners really liked the departed one or not. In 1686, one Yakaoka Genrin wrote a little book, which carried on the traditional relationship of tigers and cats. He called cats "tegai no tora", which means "the tiger fed by hand".

But it would be wrong to say that Japanese cats were not loved and admired just for their own little ways too. The graceful swaying, made as they walked, so appealed to the oriental mind. One remembers hearing in childhood how early Chinese women hobbled their feet in order to walk with this swaying motion, which the cat did naturally. As a devout Bud-

dhist, the medieval Japanese watched his cat with admiration as it sat in the warm sunshine for hours barely moving. Surely, this was the spirit of contemplation which, his religion told him, was the best to be obtained.

In later days, one especially loved cat in the palace—and it possibly was a descendant of these first court kittens—was given the fifth rank by the emperor, which in court life, was only held by ladies-in-waiting. From then onward, the loved cat was called "Myobu No Omoto", which is to say, "Omoto, the lady-in-waiting". How many feline owners today could fittingly give this same title to their own aristocratic beauties!

A few centuries after Emperor Ichijo's eventful litter of kittens, cats had become common enough for even peasants to own. Still, they brought a dear price. This reason, mingled with awe at cats' magic powers and with love for these gentle furry ones, made peasants tie their precious cats to their huts lest they be stolen. You can imagine the feline wails of protest. But in 1602 the cat-loving authorities of Kyoto posted these placards at the crossroads named for Emperor Ichijo:

"Firstly, the cords on the cats in Kyoto shall be untied and the cats shall be let loose. Secondly, it is no longer allowed to sell or buy cats. Whosoever transgresses this ordinance shall be punished with a heavy fine."

And cats earned in Japan the same right to freedom which they enjoy the world over.

KIT'S TOOTH (from page 5)

and reluctant to be photographed. But the beauty of the manuscripts to whose creation they have contributed valuable tools is in the best traditions of the master craftsmen of the past.

Mrs. Gillooly estimates that it requires a good day's work to complete thirty-five words. She worked almost constantly for two years on an illuminated book for St. Thomas' Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey.

She illuminated a wedding book for Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., and Ethel Dupont. Queen Elizabeth of England owns an example of her art. For seventeen years she has been working on an illuminated forty-page history of St. Michael's Church in Bristol, Rhode Island, which covers a period of nearly two and a half centuries. It has been a labor of love between her many commissions.

Dearie, Sweetie Pie, and Snow White not only help supply Mrs. Gillooly's tools, but have become her constant companions and critical observers of her work. She has come to love them as individuals even more than as indispensable co-workers.

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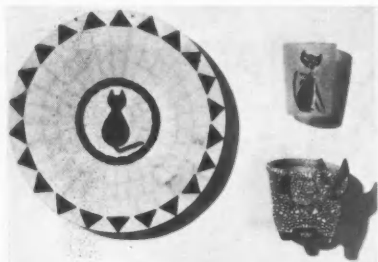
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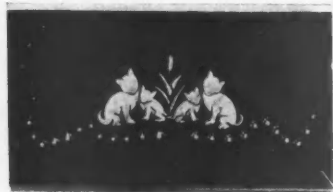


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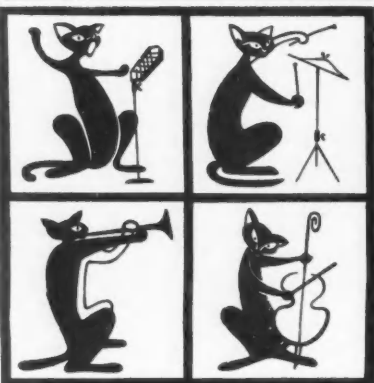
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CHRISTMAS TIPS

Not many problems are more pleasurable in the solving than those of choosing gifts at Christmas. Especially when they're for friends who share our own enthusiasms and interests. For whether the recipients are feline or human, we cat lovers know intuitively what will bring the most in holiday joy.

Every year there is gathered for you in this November issue of *CATS* a collection of gift suggestions in all things feline which is unequalled anywhere. And all of it is available to you without stepping from your door.

The advertisements give full details, but here's a brief run-down on the riches you have to choose from. Most suppliers will be glad to send you more complete information—and their catalogs at your request, but a reminder: place your orders early to be sure of Christmas delivery.

Christmas 1959 finds a greater than ever variety of feline-motif gifts for cat-minded people.

Annabel Hoyt at Tyoh Cattery specifically mentions some lovable little-kitten purse accessories, wall decorations, and a perky, practical cat-design tray. And if you want to see more, send for her catalog.

For Curio Cats, Margaret Churan and Edythe Polster show a full 17 different delectable items in their ad. From elegant plaques and trays to kitten-cute towels and hankies—plus lots more just as wonderful in their catalog!

For your desk and the desks of your friends: Dorothy Becker returns with the the 1960 edition of the ever-so-popular Walter Chandoha cat engagement calendar—and Marguerite Chapman's own "Sketchy Pet Notes" featuring your own kind of cat are again yours for the ordering.

At Western Studio Arts Cicely Mellor is stressing her "Felinia" sterling silver



A superb collection of 56 charming photographs of cats and kittens in playful or disdainful mood to brighten your weekly engagement record. The photos are back to back so the appointment pages can be torn out at the end of the year and the beautiful photos by Walter Chandoha saved.

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FOR CATS & YOU

jewelry in Persian and Siamese designs—beautiful and out of the ordinary—and she, too, invites you to write for her folder of other jewelry items.

There's a surprise Christmas stocking for the kits and a surprise box of cat jewelry and novelties for you from Janice Schade at Satra's Purr Palace. And—write for her catalog, she has lots of other cat things.

To go back to desks—Lowe's famous upright Chandoha Cat Calendar so popular year after year is again offered by the makers of Kitty Litter in the new 1960 edition.

(Continued on page 19)

CAT TREASURES FOR CHRISTMAS!



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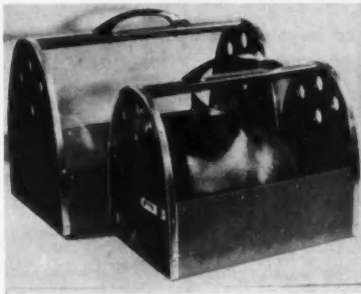
Felix has 40 Things for Cats for Christmas!

For twenty-seven Christmases Felix has been helping Santa Claus come to thousands of fortunate cats all over the world, and again this year he wants to bring Christmas happiness to both you and your cats.

All the wonderful things loved by cats year after year—and some special new stocking-fillers—are described in this ad and are shown in Felix's new free catalog: **Forty Things for Cats**.

Order direct from this ad—or send today for the catalog. Orders are shipped the same day they are received, so you can be sure your cats will get just what they want for Christmas if you write Felix—now!

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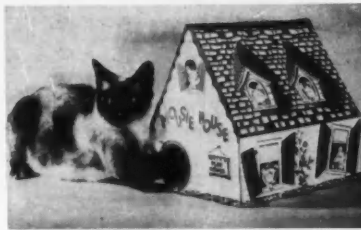
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We introduce Chu-chi, our little fun-loving salesgirl who always is eager to demonstrate the Felix products. Chu-chi makes the **Mouseie House** hum with activity. It furnishes lots of exercise and entertainment.

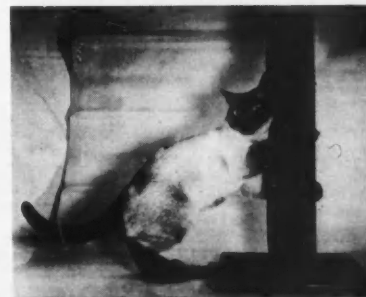


Catching a make believe mouse and letting it get away is a lively game for any active cat to play. This is the **Mouseie House**, strongly built to take the rough play of full grown cats. Finished in either red or green. An ideal gift to delight Kitty and his owners. Postpaid \$3.85.



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XMAS TIPS

(from page 17)

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Chaperone, too, suggests you write for their catalog. They especially discuss their beautiful and practical Kitty Cootie-Chaser—now in a holiday gift box!

Our last specific mention: you'll have to send for the special Christmas Gift Catalog from Pet Products Inc., which Mel Novatt tells us has everything your cat has been dreaming about for Christmas.

And, certainly, where you know it will be wanted and given love and proper care, a kitten is the best gift of all. Nearly a hundred breeders in this CATS are ready to help you in choosing the right pet for the friend you have in mind.

So, out with the paper and pen! Make your choices direct from these pages or write for catalogs—but whatever you do, don't wait. Christmas is coming!

Throughout CATS you'll find ads for other cat products such as the cat-doors, gift-wrapped Hilo, Fleacollars, and catnip—all are grand gifts or stocking fillers.

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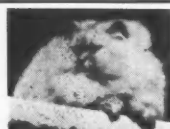
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Mr. Middleton who resigned his post as Secretary and General Manager last year had served in that position since the formation of ACFA in April of 1955. He replaces Walter Carl Darnell who resigned for personal reasons.

PENN-LAUREL ELECTS

New officers of the Penn-Laurel Cat Fanciers of Harrisburg, Pa., are: President, Ralph Crone; Vice President, Louise Doric; Treasurer, Jayne Crone; Secretary, Jane Hayberger, R. D. #2, Duncannon, Pa.

BLUE-SLIP BONANZA

Dear Editors:

Gee Whiz!!! I certainly was thrilled with my check for \$10.00. And did I ever need it! I have been passing out Blue Slips lately at two different state fairs. Guess it paid off, huh??

I can certainly recommend the Blue-Slip program to other breeders. Not only for gaining extra money by passing them out, but by helping that many more readers to see our ads in CATS. We gain in two ways.

Thanks again, and send me 200 more slips.
Patricia Blayney

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BURMESE MEMBERS MERGE

The Burmese Newsletter reports that the two national Burmese groups have merged into one organization on a unanimous vote of both the Burmese Cat Society and the Burmese Breeders of America. Pro tem officers are: Secretary: Doris E. Springer, 46 Divisadero St., San Francisco; Secretary-Treasurer, Elinor Dennis, 5 Church Road, Wallingford, Pa.

Final details as to the new body are now being worked out and will be announced in the near future.

SAPHIR DB. GR.

The Western Hon. Mention Blue Point Female is correctly titled Db. Gr. & Qn. Ch. Fan-T-Cee's Saphir of Joli, rather than as shown in the September CATS.

LUCKY CATS

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Officers are: President, Mrs. Eugene Bullock; Secretary, Rebecca Cameron, P. O. Box 24, Marshall, Texas; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Marie Rice; Councilor, Mrs. H. W. Ehrhard.

SHOW REPORT CORRECTIONS

Best Neuter in both the Shorthair Divisions and the Shorthair Specialties of Western Cat Club and Inter Valley UCF shows held on April 11-12, 1959 was King Arthur, SP Siamese neuter owned by Mrs. Ralph Folsom.

Flagstone Susan, Shaded Silver LH, owned by Evelyn Morgan was Best Spay at Golden Meadows Felines, Feb. 14-15 AB, and at Intra Valley, April 11-12.

PRICE CROSS

Price Cross, president of the American Cat Fanciers Association died tragically at his home near Dallas, Texas, October 4.

Mr. Cross, a bachelor of 62, was one of the greats of the Cat Fancy. He was owner of the Mao Cattery, was a cat show judge, and in 1954 joined with Russell Middleton and others in taking active part in the formation of the ACFA.

He was elected first president of the new Association on April 17, 1955, and with the exception of one year when he held the position of Chief Justice of ACFA, he served as its president until his death.

In private life Mr. Cross was an employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He will be missed by all of us.

HAZEL JOHNSON

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, one of the Houston Cat Club's past presidents, died suddenly on September 4.

Mrs. Johnson had been very active in Texas cat fancier circles and for several years had been mistress of ceremonies at both the Dallas Cat Club and the Houston shows.

She had made many friends throughout the country who will be saddened to know of her passing.

Heloise Jackson, Secretary
Houston Cat Club

Fanciers Forum

ON FROST POINT GENETICS

by Ann Manley

In the July 1959 CATS, Lynne Vanderpool wrote that she seemed to get a greater preponderance of Frosts when she color-bred Frost Points. She listed the results of various matings and went on to state, "Although the dilute factor is supposed to be recessive, Wongse dominated every breeding, and has never thrown a Seal, even with one, and at least half of every litter he has sired has been Frost or thrown it strongly on the next generation. The fact that Wongse has a Frost sire, two Frost grandparents, and two Frost great grandparents has doubled his Frost inheritance to dominance."

In 1952 CATS Magazine published an article by myself and my husband entitled *The Chocolate Point and Its Relationship to Other Siamese*. In it we outlined what we termed a theory as to the genetic relationship between Seals, Blues, Chocobates and Frosts. We called it a theory because scientific proof would have

necessitated hundreds of crosses and results to give statistically valid proof of what we were certain was true. In the seven years since, this theory has not once been disproved. In fact, to one who understands Mendelian expectance and mathematical probability and chance, Mrs. Vanderpoel's results all fall within the expected pattern. If a true, pure-seal Seal Point were to be bred to a Frost male, there would be **NOTHING** but Seals. The results of various matings given in her interesting letter are such a small sample statistically, that they would not upset the expected ratios at all if several hundred similar matings were studied with them. In fact, they do not seem to vary from the ordinary.

For example, we all know that statistically we can expect half males and half females in any litter. Yet we know of full litters of males and full litters of females. Our very first litter of Siamese kittens included six females but only one male. One of our studs sired TEN males in one litter for a friend but the same season sired a strong preponderance of females in other litters. Some years we have more females than males or vice versa. Once I sat down and compared the results in sex of kittens for three or four years—it came out precisely 50-50. Yet that in itself was not significant because my little study included less than a hundred kittens and the figures could reasonably be expected to vary from 50-50 because of the small size of the sample. In a small sample, say a litter of five, if you expect 50-50 and get 3/2, that is as close to 50-50 as it could be. If you get 4-1, it is a very slight change from 3-2 (even if it is 80%-20%) because of the small, inadequate sample.

To put it another way, if a person were to flip a coin ten times, we would expect half the time that it would turn up heads and half the time tails, but it would not violate any mathematical law were it to come up heads ten times in a row. If, however, a larger sample is taken—say a thousand or ten thousand flips—the ratio would be very close to 50-50.

To say that a cat's colorbred background has doubled his Frost inheritance to dominance is misleading. It is like saying a colorbred Blue Longhair would have his background doubled to dominant over Black. For instance, we of the Fancy breed Siamese "breed-pure"—some of our fine Siamese in this country have detailed pedigrees for ten or twenty or more generations. Yet no matter how long they are bred Siamese-to-Siamese, it will never double their Siamese inheritance (which is recessive) to dominance over other breeds and colors. There will never come a time when you can breed a purebred Siamese to a purebred Longhair and get Siamese kittens in the first generation.

My husband and I have bred Siamese cats for twelve years (I have judged them for nine). We have known many breeders with training or understanding of genetics. We have had training ourselves—I had A's in Genetics in college (in 1953) and have kept informed on recent developments in the field. My husband has done graduate research in Genetics. Thus, we like to do our bit to help keep the genetic principles clear in discussions on breeding.

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 31-Nov. 1—Long Beach, Calif.—Pacific Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (LaVona Wright); SH Specialty (Frank Magnan); LH Specialty (Edith Williams).
 31-Nov. 1—Chicago, Ill.—North Shore Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH & SH Specialties (Frances Herms).
 31-Nov. 1—Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Laura J. Graham); LH & SH Specialties (tba).
 31-Nov. 1—Cleveland, Ohio—Lake Erie Cat Club (CFF). Changed to: Jan. 9-10.
 31-Nov. 1—Corte Madera, Calif.—Marin County Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Michael O'Brien); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston).

November

- 1—Montreal, Canada—Montreal Cat Fanciers Association (ACA). All Breed (Jack Foster); Longhair Specialty (Margaret Lovett); Shorthair Specialty (John Osborn).
 7-8—Bridgeport, Conn.—Connecticut Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH & SH Specialties (Jasperine Jones).
 7-8—Toledo, Ohio—Maumee Valley Cat Club (UCF). QUAD SHOW: All Breed Shows (Don Clapp & Frances Kosierowski); Specialty Shows (David D. Henderson & Marion Tracy).
 14-15—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Michael E. O'Brien); LH & SH Specialties (Naomi Favors).
 14-15—Indianapolis, Ind.—Hoosier Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFF). All Breed (Christine Hartmann); LH & SH Specialties (Lila Rippey).
 14-15—Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller and Patricia Krebs); Specialties (Lorraine Wiesemann and Whitney Abt). (COMBINED SHOWS).
 14-15—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Doris O'Connell Springer); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
 21-22—Providence, R. I.—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Blanche Wolfram); LH Specialty (Rita Swenson); SH Specialty (Dorothy Brooks).
 21-22—Scottsdale, Ariz.—Arizona Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Ralph Boren); LH & SH Specialties (Helen Mueller); Breed & Color Specialties (Patricia Krebs).
 21-22—Los Angeles, Calif.—West Shore Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Beth O'Donovan); LH & SH Specialties (Naomi Favors).
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 28-29—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Milwaukee Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH & SH Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).
 28-29—Petaluma, Calif.—San Geronimo Valley Persian Society (UCF). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH Specialty (Dorothy Denning); SH Specialty (Bonnie Birkett); Kitten All Breed (Ruth Fischer).
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- 28-29—Vancouver, B. C.—Cat Fanciers Club of British Columbia (ACFA). All Breed (Patricia Krebs); LH & SH (tba).
 28-29—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All Breed—Ch. (Mrs. John Hunter); All Breed—non-Ch. (Mrs. Arno Beck); LH Specialty (Rita Swenson); FSH & DSH Specialties (Mrs. Wesley Novak).
 28-29—Albuquerque, New Mexico—The New Mexico Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. W. K. Johnston); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
 28-29—Shreveport, La.—Shreve Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (tba); LH & SH Specialties (Bert Tebbetts).

December

- 4—Dallas, Texas. ACFA Judges' School. (See Below)
 5-6—Dallas, Texas—COMBINED SHOWS: North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH & SH Specialties (Whitney Abt). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Ree Rathburn); LH & SH Specialties (Don Clapp).
 5-6—Tucson, Ariz.—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH & SH Specialties (Ruth Lentz).
 5-6—Jersey City, N. J.—Garden City Cat Club of N. J. (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); Siamese and All SH ex Siamese Specialties (Sven Nelson); Solid Color, Tabby & Tortie, Silver Specialties (Kate Carroll).
 5-6—Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH & SH Specialties (Marguerite Mabie).
 12-13—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Lucy Clingan); LH & SH Specialties (J. J. Small, Jr.).
 19-20—Las Vegas, Nevada—The Purple Sage Cat Fanciers of Southern Nevada (ACFA). QUAD SHOW: All Breed and Specialties (tba).

January

- 9-10—Burbank, Calif.—San Fernando Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (H. B. Zieses); LH Specialty (Elsie Flaherty); SH Specialty (Miriam Williams).
 9-10—Kansas City, Mo.—MoKan Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Gladys Weirich); LH & SH (Louise Heron).
 9-10—St. Petersburg, Florida—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (tba); LH & SH Specialties (Miriam Simms).
 9-10—Independence, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Gladys Weirich); LH & SH Specialties (Louise Heron).
 9-10—Cleveland, Ohio—Lake Erie Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Lila Rippey); LH & SH Specialties (Amelia Roberts).
 15-17—White Plains, N. Y.—COMBINED SHOWS: Empire Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed: LH Section (Genevieve O'Neill), SH Section (Doris Springer). Referee (Elsie Hydon). Siamese and All SH ex Siamese Specialties (Cecil Novak); LH Specialty (Rita Swenson). Westchester Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed: LH Section (Lucille Pelton), SH Section (Stella Harlos).

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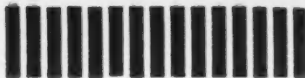
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- 16-17—Minneapolis, Minn.—Minneapolis Persian Club (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH & SH Specialties (Gertrude Hamaker).
- 16-17—Phoenix, Arizona—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Edith Schulte); LH & SH Specialties (Louise Price).
- 23-24—Albany, N. Y.—Albany Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter); LH & SH Specialties (Dorothy Lee).
- 23-24—San Diego, Calif.—COMBINED SHOWS: San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH & SH Specialties (Doris O'Connell Springer). Town & Country Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); LH Specialty (Fannie Mood); SH Specialty (Ken Bartlett).
- 23-24—Columbia, So. Car.—Palmetto Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Louise Reed); LH & SH Specialties (Blanche Wolfram).
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The Back Fence . . .

As certainly as November means the end of the harvest from the land, so is it the fertile season for the mind. When better to spend evenings in the warm company of books, catching up on the reading that was laid aside when Spring first shouted "hello".

"When chill November's surly blast
Made fields and forests bare . . ."

A volume of short stories that had been on my bed-table collecting vacation post cards was finally opened and read. In it was one by Paul Gallico called "The Secret Ingredient"—a tale designed to send the most ardent ailurophile to sleep in a very content frame of mind. It is the story of the Auberge Chateau Loiret in France. It is the story of Monsieur Bonneval, host and chef of the auberge; his doting wife; his ambitions; his cat, Minette; and how his recipe for Poularde Surprise Treize Minets was created.

M. Bonneval was a talented cook, recognized by even the Guide Michelin and properly given the crossed utensils signifying that his was "une bonne table". He yearned for the addition of at least the one star given by Michelin in recognition of exceptional culinary achievement.

On the day of the story this dream seemed within reach for he just then received word from a friend that such an inspector was scheduled to be in the neighborhood.

Even as he read the note, a large and impressive car stopped in front and a man who could only have devoted his life to the fine art of eating and thriving on it stepped into his dining room. M. Bonneval sensed that this was the inspector. What to create for such a palate? Le Homard dans la Lune . . . lobster in the moon . . . sprang to his mind. What a sad choice! For a man must be at the peak of self-control to execute such a masterpiece. Alas, M. Bonneval was not this day at his chef's best. Nervous and excited, he transmitted his irrational behavior to his entire kitchen. Celeste, the kitchen cook; Brazon, the man of all work; his stove—all turned to stumbling blocks instead of being his extra hands. His faithful wife, so bewildered at the unusual confusion, added to his ultimate doom by opening the oven door and allowing a cool breeze to smite the soufflé at its most tender part. Minette, kitten-heavy, chose to make a swaying journey in the path of her master who was trying to save the soufflé while juggling the sauce. "Vache!" he screamed at his spouse. A bellowed "cochons" sent Celeste and Brazon in anger to pack, and a toe of a shoe cleared the kitchen of Minette.

The guest departed threatening a full report of such misrepresentation of a gourmet's paradise to Michelin.

A true Frenchman, Monsieur B. shrugged his shoulders and set about restoring peace to his domain. A raise for Celeste, an apology to Brazon, and words of love for his wife, That left Minette

still to be reconciled. How to do this thing? Food? That was the answer. A Poularde Surprise Royale just for herself.

With motives pure, all things worked like magic. The chicken boned, the goose liver pâté, truffles and giblets and kidneys and wine all blended perfectly as he thought only of how his petite mama cat would enjoy it. Carefully lifting half this delight onto a plate so the aroma would float to wherever it was she was hiding, he went into the night to restore complete family harmony.

Returning later, disconsolate and alone, he found his kitchen alive with activity. Madame Bonneval explained that while he was out, a poor fellow whose car had broken down stopped by and asked for a bite.

Being a poor cook, she had served him the other half of Minette's appeasement offering.

As all bed-time stories should end, so does Mr. Gallico's:

This man was the Michelin inspector; the dish was the creation supreme and now M. Bonneval would have his two stars. In fact, he could have three, if he would tell what the ingredient was that made his Poularde Surprise different from all others.

The chervil, the burnet, the basil, the marjoram against the tarragon—these could be tasted, but what was the indefinable flavor?

Monsieur B. surrendered the goal of all French hosts, the three stars. But, he retained the honor of all great chefs. He would not tell his secret.

As he was the creator of this new gastronomic great . . . what did he wish the world to know it as? 'Twas at that moment, Minette, a slim Minette, slipped in the door with a new-born kitten in her mouth. Thirteen times she came, each time with a kitten. When at last she snuggled down with her family, Monsieur Bonneval announced with tears of joy in his eyes that his pièce de résistance would be known as Poularde Surprise Treize Minets.

It has been told to only a few that it was the love for Minette that caused him to season the poularde with the herb beloved by all cats, *Nepeta cataria*, better known as catnip.

Sacre-bleu! What started out as the usual Back Fence column has ended up as a book review. For those of you who liked this touched-with-catnip whiff of Mr. Gallico, I'd suggest you savor the full flavor of his literary way with the feline found in any of his books about cats.—J.L.

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